LET'S SEE HAWAII - Mr. H. S. Moles

Jimmie has requested a short article telling about our trip to the Hawaiian Islands this summer.

Being flower lovers and Hibiscus enthusiasts, My wife and I found the 4 larger islands a regular paradise. The Hibiscus is the Hawaiian State Flower, and many of our regular varieties grow everywhere in gardens and along the fence rows, or as hedges. Ones that are plentiful include Single Scarlet, Double American Beauty, Dainty (Psyche), Peach Blow, Lillian Wilder, Schizopetalus, Minerva, Kona, and several varieties of single yellow. The bushes grow 6 to 10 feet high except for a tree variety called Hau which grows up to 20 feet or more in height. It's blossoms are a single, cream color, which turns to red as the day progresses.

Honolulu has a City Hibiscus Garden which is in charge of Paul Weisich. The University of Hawaii has Hibiscus experimental plots where new varieties are being produced thru cross polination. We found little evidence of interest of the production on new varieties such as is being shown by Hibiscus Society Members in Florida.

We visited the gardens of Mr. Shiguera in Hilo on the Island of Hawaii. He has been one of the Directors

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at Large of the AHS for years. At present he is not doing any special work on Hibiscus due to the fact that he is working for one of the large land holding companies and is trying to develop new crops which can be harvested on their now unproductive lands. Nuts are one of these crops.

Orchid enthusiasts would enjoy visiting Hilo where several large Orchid Nurseries are located. The largest is owned by Mr. Tanaka and covers 8 acres of ground. He ships Orchids and Anthuriums everywhere by airmail-special delivery. The package arrives almost anywhere on the mainland within 48 hours after delivery to his post office.

Our entire trip was by air. Regular flights from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Honolulu require 8½ hours but the big new jets make it in 4½ hours. All travel between the islands is by air and the service is excellent.

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